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GOT INTO A PARAGRAPH

Washington, Congressional, Political and Other Events Briefly Told

Charles P. Taft openly declares for a caucus to determine the party's choice of the man to succeed Senator Foraker. Senator Foraker and Representative Burton are both understood to be opposed to a caucus.

TROOPS LEAVE CUBA

MOVEMENT TO START THE FIRST DAY OF THE YEAR.

ALL ARE TO BE GONE IN APRIL

Both Troops and Cubans Rejoice at the Move and Best of Feeling Prevails in All Quarters.

Havana.—New Year's day will witness the beginning of the evacuation of Cuba by the army of pacification, which has been in possession of the island since the beginning of the provisional government in October, 1906.

From that time on the transports Sumner and McClellan will be employed in the embarkation at intervals of the remainder of the army.

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President Roosevelt has written a letter to Rabbi Wise praising the work of Rliss' settlement on East Side of New York.

Butte, Mont.—A Miner dispatch from Virginia City, Mont., states that at 4:30 Sunday that section was shaken by the severest of a series of seismic disturbances that have been going on for more than a week.

Supreme Court Vacancy.—Another addition has been made to the list of possibilities for appointment to the vacancy on the supreme bench in the suggestion of the name of W. H. Thompson of Grand Island.

Congressmen to Canal Zone.—Washington.—To familiarize themselves with conditions under the present form of government of the Panama canal zone, twelve members of the house committee on foreign and interstate commerce will leave Charleston Monday for Colon.

Hitchcock to Meet Taft.—August, Ga.—President-elect Taft observed Sunday as a day of rest, remaining in his cottage throughout the day.

American Navy Ranks Second.—Washington.—Our navy stands second among those of the great world powers at the present time, according to the Navy Year Book, prepared by Pitman Pulsifer, clerk to the senate navy committee.

Big Fire in Lima, O.—Lima, O.—Fire raged in the business section of Lima for several hours Wednesday night and threatened great destruction. A number of stores and residences were burned, the loss being about \$150,000.

THE HORRORS OF WAR.



UNION LABOR LEADERS GIVEN PRISON TERMS

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison Sentenced to Twelve, Nine and Six Months Respectively and Severely Scored in the Bucks Stove Case.



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War on Louisville Loan Sharks.—Louisville, Ky.—Police and press of Louisville are engaged in a campaign against those firms which make their living by percentages on loans.

OIL TRUST OUSTED

THREE COMPANIES ARE DRIVEN FROM MISSOURI.

EACH IS FINED \$50,000

Standard of Indiana, Republic and Waters-Pierce Found Guilty of Conspiracy by Supreme Court.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Declaring that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Republic Oil Company of Ohio and the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Missouri had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in this state, the supreme court of Missouri Wednesday issued a decree ousting all three from the commonwealth, and fining them \$50,000 each.

The decree against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company is tempered by the proviso that it may continue in business if, by March 1, 1909, it can show to the court that it has taken steps to operate as an independent concern and has satisfied the judgment against it.

Decision Is Most Sweeping.—The decision, which was unanimous on the part of the seven judges, is so sweeping that Attorney General Hadley and Gov. Folk hail it as the end of illegal commercial combinations in Missouri, and the former asserts that, in conjunction with the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the tobacco trust case, it will affect similar suits in other states.

Attorney General Hadley, who has prosecuted the Missouri case since its inception in March, 1905, will become governor in less than a month and then will be charged with the enforcement of the decree issued.

Tried to Compromise Suit.—The attorney general followed up the promulgation by the court with a statement in which he asserted that attempts had been made to compromise the suit.

"At least three efforts have been made by attorneys for the oil companies to get me to compromise the cases," he said. "I invariably told them that the ultimate decision must be made by the courts, and refused their offers. It was intimated to me that the oil companies were willing to accept a good large fine and concede a victory to the state."

Points in the Decision.—In coming to its decision the court said: "If such abuses as those complained of are permitted to continue, untrammelled, it would be only a question of time until they would sap the strength and patriotism from the very foundations of our government, overturn the republic, destroy our free institutions and substitute, in lieu thereof, some other form of government."

Following an exhaustive discussion of conspiracies in restraint of trade, Justice Wright said: "From the foregoing it ought to seem apparent to thoughtful men that the defendants to the bill, each and all of them, have combined together for the purpose of:

"1. Bringing about the breach of plaintiffs' existing contracts with others. "2. Depriving plaintiff of property (the value of the good will of its business) without due process of law. "3. Restraining trade among the several states. "4. Restraining commerce among the several states."

Suit Started Four Years Ago.—The state's ouster suit against the Standard, Republic and Waters-Pierce companies was instituted almost four years ago. The evidence was taken in St. Louis and in New York, where H. H. Rogers, principal, was compelled to testify before a special commissioner.

Stevens' Slayer Is Convicted.—San Francisco.—In Whan Chang, the Korean who shot Durham White Stevens, the American diplomat and adviser to the Korean emperor, in this city on March 23 of this year, resulting in Mr. Stevens' death two days later, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury in Judge Carroll Cook's department of the superior court. Sentence will be passed December 26.

Cattle Quarantine Modified.—Washington.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Wednesday modified the federal quarantine on account of foot and mouth disease in Michigan and Maryland, because no infection has been found in Michigan outside of Wayne and Oakland counties nor in Maryland outside of Carroll county.

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CITY FATHERS WERE CHEAP

SHOCKING STATE OF AFFAIRS IN PITTSBURG REVEALED.

Accused Ex-Bank Officers and City Fathers Are Held After Preliminary Examination.

Pittsburg, Pa.—With a suddenness that startled Pittsburg from end to end, this city Wednesday moved into first place in the role of corruption and municipal graft.

Late at night, many hours after thunderbolts in the shape of sensational testimony were exploded, the people of Pittsburg were dumbfounded and unable to realize that the city is in a position to demand every laurel for being the champion legislative scandal center of America. The troubles of San Francisco are tame in comparison.

Furthermore it is stated the shocking developments here are mere preliminaries and subsequent steps against additional councilmen and business men will startle not only Pittsburg, but the whole country.

Apparently, from the testimony offered in court, the city's councils are absolutely rotten, every sense of the word. It was intimated strongly that over three score councilmen are "easy to reach" and the "reaching" necessitated only small sums ranging from \$100 to \$5.

Out of a mass of testimony it was gleaned that a majority of the council body of Pittsburg have been "reached." In the passage of one ordinance alone it was testified that 60 councilmen had divided \$45,000.

Sensations followed one another in rapid succession during the hearing of the seven councilmen and two former bank officers arrested on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and conspiracy last Monday night.

W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, former president and cashier of the German National bank, were first placed on trial and were held for court in the sum of \$14,000 bail each.

AUTOMOBILE RACE IS FATAL

One Man Killed and Three Persons Hurt at Oakland, Cal.

Oakland, Cal.—As a result of a wild automobile race on the Foot Hill boulevard early Friday one man was instantly killed and another man and two young women were severely injured. The accident occurred a short distance from San Leandro.

The dead man was William L. Mowery, chauffeur; the injured are A. Jorgensen, Miss Marie Jorgensen, his sister, and Mary Jensen.

JOHNSON DEFEATS BURNS

Negro Wins Heavyweight Title in Battle at Sydney.

Sydney, N. S. W.—Jack Johnson Saturday won the heavyweight championship of the world from Tommy Burns. The fight went 14 rounds and Johnson was declared the winner on points. The police stopped the bout.

Jack Johnson is the first negro who ever won the world's heavyweight pugilistic championship—in fact, he is the only negro who ever was permitted to battle for the honor. He was born in Galveston, Tex., in 1878 and began his ring career in 1901. He is 6 feet 1 1/2 inches in height and weighed at the ringside close to 190 pounds.

Ryan Quits Directorates.—New York.—Thomas F. Ryan, admittedly one of the greatest powers in the financial world, announced Wednesday that, yielding to the advice of his physicians, he had resigned from the directorate of 31 corporations. The only enterprises in the management of which the noted financier retains a hand are the Morton Trust Company, the National Bank of Commerce and the American Tobacco Company.

Deeds of Danish Ghoul.—Copenhagen.—The cathedral of Roskilde, the burial place for centuries past of the Danish kings, was looted by burglars Tuesday night and large numbers of costly gold and silver wreaths, urns and shields were carried away. The tombs of both King Christian and Queen Louise were robbed of all the valuable gold and silver materials sent by the crowned heads of Europe and the city of Denmark.

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